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PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY MARCH 6, 2012

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE

The deadline to register to vote or to enroll/change political parties for the March 6, 2012 Presidential Primary is Wednesday, February 15, 2012. The Town Clerk's Office will be open until 8:00 p.m. Mail-in voter registrations must be postmarked by February 15, 2012. If you have any questions, please contact the Athol Town Clerk at 978-249-4551.

WHO CAN VOTE IN THE STATE PRIMARY?

Voters enrolled in one of the 3 political parties listed below and "Unenrolled" or what is commonly referred to as "Independent" may vote. They are noted on the voting list by the following letters:

- Democrat – D
- Green-Rainbow - J
- Republican – R
- Unenrolled - U

CAN I VOTE IF I AM NOT ENROLLED IN A POLITICAL PARTY?

Yes. A voter who is Unenrolled or what is commonly referred to as "Independent" can vote in the State Primary. The voter will be able to choose which ballot they would like when checking-in at the polls.

DOES THE UNENROLLED VOTER BECOME ENROLLED IN THE POLITICAL PARTY IF THEY VOTE AT THE PRIMARY?

No. The voter will automatically go back to being unenrolled after they vote. The voter does not need to complete a change of party card to go back to being unenrolled.

IS IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED?

Because of the federal law, the Help America Vote Act of 2002, if you have registered to vote for the first time in Massachusetts and you registered to vote by mail, you will be required to show identification the first time you vote in a federal election. A voter will also be asked for identification if the voter is listed as "**Inactive**". Acceptable identification must include your name and address at which you are registered to vote. Examples are: a valid driver's license, current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check or other government document showing the voters' name and address. It is recommended for all voters to bring a valid ID with them when the vote just in case they need it.

For further information or to check your voting status, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 978-249-4551. Voters may contact the Town Clerk or go to www.athol-ma.gov to find out where they vote.